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A BIG WAVE OF PROSPERITY

Strikes and Envelopes St. Johns Completely

St. Johns is expecting big things this year and with reason. Building permits in January last year amounted to \$2700. This year permits amounting to \$11,540 were taken out. This is four times the showing made last year in the same time. Permits for February bid fair to greatly exceed those of January.

Business in other lines shows the same rate of increase.

Real estate is especially active. J. S. Downey has averaged \$1000 per day in his sales for December and January and other dealers are reporting especially good business. S. L. Dobie says January, usually dead, was the best month he has known for a long time. The hotel, boarding houses and rooming houses are packed and every vacant room in every private house has its quota of lodgers and still the demand is far from supplied. Every merchant is working hard and adding help and fixtures in order to keep abreast of the general prosperity.

While several miles of streets were improved last year at a cost of many thousands of dollars, more than double the amount will be improved the coming season. Arrangements have been made with the lessee of the city's rock crusher whereby a fine grade of crushed rock with which to create pavement will be made similar to the "Hassam" pavement.

The property owners on Fessenden street expect to improve the entire 6000 feet of this street with this kind of hard surface pavement at an estimated cost of \$3.50 per lineal foot, including the cost of cement walks and curb. If this is carried out Fessenden street will become the most important street in the city.

The Western Coopers Company is preparing to move its large plant from Aberdeen to St. Johns. This company already has a fine site located between the dry dock and the North Bank bridge with about 350 feet of water front. It is said on good authority that 600 feet of waterfront belonging to the Port of Portland will also be leased, thus giving ample facilities for docks to care for the extensive water shipments.

The Oregon Fluke Food company, consolidated with two other similar companies and reorganized, has purchased a site 200 feet square on the railroad at Philadelphia and Bradford street and will erect a three-story building for the manufacture of cereal foods.

Work on the Chinook is being rushed and the contractors report good progress and that the boat will be ready in contract time.

The class of homes erected is steadily improving and the 75 built the past year average \$1500 each, while several cost many times that amount. Ten of these cost over \$3000 each. The total amount of all permits for the last year was \$133,000.

All agree that St. Johns needs more industries and better facilities for reaching those in and near the city. To this end committees from the city council and Commercial Club are working to secure a wagon road and street car line to the packing plant and stock yards.

In East St. Johns 100 houses costing not less than \$1000 each are promised for this year and much street improvement work is also planned. About 50 houses were built during 1909.—Ed. L. Stockton in Sunday's Oregonian.

Building Permits

No. 21—To Hewitt & Wright to erect a dwelling on Graham street between Burr and Alma; cost \$1350.

No. 22—To St. Johns Lumber Co. to erect a stable on Salem street between Crawford and Decatur; cost \$4500.

No. 23—To I. W. Suttler to erect a dwelling on Buchanan street between Dawson and Stafford for George Thompson; cost \$1000.

If you want a few dollars see Snow.

Oregon the Mecca

Oregon has long been celebrated as the Mecca for the husbandman, the farmer whose wisdom and ambition prompts him to get close to mother earth and extract the treasures from her bountiful storehouse. Perhaps no section of the state gives forth her treasures more abundantly than does Clackamas County. The abundance of trout and salmon to be had in the Clackamas River has always proven a welcome and profitable source of revenue to the fisherman. Outlook on the Clackamas, is one of nature's garden spots, and it is a real pleasure to note the rapid development of this acreage, where the American-Scandinavian Realty Company of Portland has placed a number of thrifty and discerning families upon fruitland which cannot be excelled anywhere. The site is a very inviting one, the soil rich and productive, while the expansion of the community, through the establishment of the furniture factories, etc., now in process of construction at Stone, must prove quickly and greatly increase the land values. The Mumpower County road runs through the property, and an additional good wagon road has just been completed by the American Scandinavian Realty Company, President John J. Edgren of this company who resides in St. Johns, having devoted the past three months to the supervision of this work. As this acreage is only nine miles from Portland, and as the land is being sold much below its true market value, a goodly number of Portland people have taken home sites and are building homes thereon. We wish to congratulate the American Scandinavian Realty Company upon the good work it is doing in developing this valuable tract and making it a deserving aspirant for recognition among the choice near-by suburbs of Portland.

The Editor

A kind friend has handed in the following "poem" evidently believing it would be entirely appropriate and fitting just at this time. It was intended for last week, but arrived a little late. It was apparently inspired by the arrival of a little printer at the home of the editor recently:

The editor sat in his easy chair, With never a worry, never a care, Swinging himself in the soft balmy air.

When lo, the baby came, And oh the gliee of that morning's fair dawn!

The curbstones were soft which he tread upon, And his pen shed light as he "put it on."

When that new baby came, The editor walked in his winding sheet.

Treading the floor in his cold bare feet, Swinging a bundle of resonant sweet.

After the baby came, And lo, the morning was cloudy and gray.

The curb was adamant out on the way, And the "news" was dismal and dark that day.

After the baby came, The editor sat in his easy chair, With never a worry, never a care, The son was running the "sheet" over there.

That's why the baby came, He thought of the coddling he'd tossed and turned,

Of the lad which his love had teased and spurred, Of the strong young man which now all returned—

Rejoiced the baby came.—Verses.

A Valentine Surprise

A surprise party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Cooper, 202 W. Tyler street, the evening of February 14, in behalf of their daughter, Jennie Valentine Cooper, who celebrated the eighteenth anniversary of her birth. The invited guests who were present were Miss Ruth Smith, Ella Edmondson, Lucella Edmondson, Eva Edmondson, Carrie Wales, Mary Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kellogg, Mrs. J. R. Welmer and two daughters, Elmer Sneed, A. Carl Nelson, Floyd Churchill, E. L. Perkins, Bert Johnson, Ed Smith, Earl Brodahl. Many beautiful and useful gifts were received by Miss Cooper from those present. Games, music and recitations made up the evening's diversions. All report a good time. The party disbanded in time to go to the fire.

INDUSTRY GOES UP IN SMOKE

Manufacturing Plant is Burned to Ground

One of the most disastrous fires that ever visited St. Johns occurred shortly after midnight Monday night. The Portland Manufacturing plant, which has long been one of St. Johns' steadiest and most reliable industries, was burned to the ground and the small steamer, Sacajawea, owned by Capt. F. E. Smith, and which was tied at the dock of the plant, was badly burned. The origin of the fire is clearly incendiary. The watchman, Clarence Jones, states that the flames seemed to burst from three places at once, and a man who arrived early on the scene says he met an individual rushing away from the plant at the top of his speed. Peter Autzen, president of the company and principal owner, can throw no light on the subject, and knows of no reason why any one should be guilty of such a dastardly act. The plant employed about 40 hands, and the loss is estimated at \$75,000; insurance \$35,000.

The fire department was early on the scene, but owing to a very inadequate water supply, their efforts proved fruitless so far as saving the plant was concerned, but they did valiant work in saving some structures near by. The fire boat came down from Portland and rendered fine service, saving the excelsior factory and a goodly portion of the material. The St. Johns Lumber company closed down their mill for several hours and permitted their employees to aid in subduing the flames. A breeze was blowing at the time, and it was only by reason of the direction it was traveling that greater havoc was not wrought. The huge body of flame towering toward the sky attracted a large number of our inhabitants to the scene.

The razing of this plant is a distinct loss to St. Johns. The hands thrown out of employment for the time being will mean just that much money being taken out of circulation—the amount of their salaries. The probabilities are, however, that the plant will be reconstructed with the loss of very little time. And it will be better, more modern and more substantial. President Autzen has not made public his plans for the future, but the impression is general that the industry will be replaced with a better one. It is to be sincerely hoped that the industry will not be lost to St. Johns.

The water company came in for a lot of undeserved and unjust criticism on account of the low pressure of water during the time when the fire was at its height. Manager Edlefsen was early on the scene and it took him some time to account for the poor showing of the service. A trip to the pumps and reservoir and tank proved that everything there was in good shape and that the tank was over two-thirds full. Investigation at the plant then developed the fact that when the fire first started some one had turned the hydrant nearest the river in the factory on full force. A hose was constantly attached to this hydrant in readiness in case of fire, and after using it for some time it became so hot in the vicinity of the hydrant that the parties dropped the hose and got away without shutting the water off. As a consequence the hose burned up and a six-inch flow of water was released. This took the pressure away and when hose was attached to other hydrants no force was to be found. After Mr. Edlefsen became cognizant with this state of affairs he turned off the gate on the outside of the mill and immediately a strong pressure was apparent. Many people not understanding the condition of things were very bitter in their denunciations against the water company, and as events turned out the company was not to blame.

Stephen Girard began life as a cabin boy on a wind jammer. He saved and acquired a fortune of \$10,000,000. This is the history of EVERY successful man. HE SAVED. The First National Bank told others. It will tell you how to get rich with Time Certificates of Deposit.

Work for a Greater St. Johns.

Have a Big Time

The Columbia Trust Co. gave its 3d annual banquet to its salesmen last Friday evening (that was more than the ordinary). The banquet was given in the splendid Commercial Club rooms and the menu was the best that their culinary department could produce. It was a merry ha-hal from start to finish. Between courses, presents were given to the heads of departments, members of the office force, etc. These consisted of a nursing bottle for "Abe," leather medal for Curtis, automatic, double back action pig for Hickok and so on through the list of officers. There was a continual interchange of wit which kept the tables in a roar and after the feast a program was put on by some of the salesmen which was as good as a minstrel. Even the office boy, "Earl," came in for a clog dance which brought down the house. The music for the occasion was furnished by Meir & Frank's Ladies Orchestra, which is all that need be said, for that means they could not be surpassed.

After the amusements, spirited addresses were made by Messrs. Walker, Lovett, and other guests and by Messrs. Patterson, the Demosthenes and Squires, the poet of the company, also addresses from Messrs. Lee and F. N. Clark, describing the beginnings of the company less than three years ago with but a few hundred dollars; of the good management which caused men of abundant means to become associated with the company until now it has become one of, if not the strongest realty company in Portland. The ambition of the founders of the company in the beginning was to form a chain of realty holdings entirely around the city of Portland. This is rapidly being done besides taking in some outside property.

The new tract of 130 acres, which was recently purchased by the company, was brought before the banquet for a name. A vote being taken after all members had sent in each one a name, Verona Heights was the one chosen, in honor of Miss Verous Clark, the winsome cashier of the company. If the tract becomes as popular as its fair namesake, it will make millions for its developers, for there is no young lady in Portland more deservedly a favorite than Miss Clark.

The meeting adjourned at 12 o'clock so that outside visitors might catch the last car home, and the boys left with cheers for the Columbia Trust Co.

One of the Boys.

At the Packing Plant

Light receipts in all branches have characterized the week's market and prices have been steady to strong, there being 1116 cattle, 55 calves, 2461 sheep and 289 hogs received.

There is a tendency on the part of the shippers who come to this market to send their offerings forward in a haphazard and uncertain manner. This has a tendency to render uncertain the supply and make the buyers take advantage of the over-supply that arrives on certain days. If the shippers would disregard the suggestion made by people whose knowledge of the market is limited and would ship their live stock when it is ready to come forward, the supply would be more evenly distributed and there would not be the breaks in the market which have characterized one or two days' business.

A load of fancy top steers sold for \$5.75 Thursday and again Friday, but this is not thoroughly indicative of the general market. There has almost been a famine in hogs and one indifferent load sold for \$9.25. This is a very high range and there is a very active demand at strong prices for all the hogs that can be sent to the market.

Sheep have been in fair supply but the market could have taken more without in any way affecting prices.

D. O. Lively, General Agent.

\$175 will put you in possession of a modern bungalow on Portland boulevard—St. Johns restricted district. Three rooms, large living room, beam ceiling, fire place, electric lights, best plumbing, corner lot. Price \$1950, \$175 down, balance \$35 per month at six per cent. See owner at once—908 Portland boulevard. Don't miss this opportunity to get a home of your own, and have something to show for your rent money.

Any security gets money of Snow.

PROSPECTS ARE ALLURING

Driller Hunt is Confident of Securing Oil

D. M. Hunt, who is drilling the well for the Eastern Oregon Oil & Gas Co. in Malheur county, was in town Thursday. Mr. Hunt, in speaking of the prospects of this company, says he never saw anything better in his life long experience. The drilling has passed through 28 feet of the finest oil bearing sand he ever saw, and he says he has seen four feet of sand producing 500 barrels per day that did not present a better appearance than the 28 feet he has recently pierced with his drill in the Malheur fields. He says he does not fully believe they have oil, but knows it. How great the volume, however, remains to be proven. On account of the heavy body of water repressing the flow from the sand it is yet difficult to determine what the 28 feet will produce. Mr. Hunt has completed arrangements for shutting the water out by the aid of cement, which will be placed around the lower casing and the water will then be pumped out. This will require about 30 days and then he will be able to settle about much longer before an accurate test can be made. A number of California experts have inspected the operations recently and they are all very enthusiastic over the indications, and firmly believe oil in large commercial quantities will become apparent as soon as the water is removed. M. F. Loy has just returned from a trip to the fields, and he is better pleased with the prospects every time he visits the scene. The many stockholders of this company in St. Johns may be fully satisfied that they have something exceedingly good and may look for results within the next sixty days. Mr. Hunt has spent many years in the drilling for oil business and is fully conversant with the different oil districts throughout the United States. Therefore, his impressions and convictions may safely be relied upon.

Attorney Entertains

Those in attendance at a 500 party given by City Attorney H. E. Collier and wife in their handsome new Stafford street home Thursday night of last week were: Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Edlefsen, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Edlefsen, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Moxon, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Mills, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Drinker, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. McLean, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Collier, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crawford, the Misses Blanche Edlefsen, Edna Bailey, Maude Crawford, Ella Ogara, C. E. Bault, T. M. Morris, Fred Couch, and Dr. J. Vinton Scott. Mrs. P. H. Edlefsen and C. E. Bailey were awarded the evening's prizes.

Graduating Exercises

The Junior Christian Endeavor Society of the Evangelical church held their graduating exercises Sunday afternoon, Feb. 6. A splendid program, consisting of songs, recitations and exercises, was given by the children. When the flag drill and song was given and each tiny hand waved a flag as they sang, every heart in the audience swelled with patriotism as well as with love for the children. Florence Hart and Albert Foster graduated with honor to the Intermediate Christian Endeavor Society. All boys and girls under ten years are invited to attend the regular Juniors' meeting on Sunday at 2:30 p. m. at the Evangelical church, corner of John and Ivanhoe.

For however old it may be, it may be worth a dollar or more to some one. Old bedsteads, chairs, household furniture of all kinds have a market value. You can find a buyer for almost any old thing by placing an ad in the Review. Just take a look over your household effects today and see if you have not some article for which you may get some cash money. A little ad may sell it.

May Apply Here

The meanest person in town is the knocker, who is continually knocking on someone or some home industry, and generally it is his home paper, because he thinks it isn't as newsy as the big city papers, but you can bet your last dollar that he doesn't spend any of his time or money in trying to make it so. Even if the editor was to ask him for news he would tell him he didn't know any or would make some remark that, should the editor publish it, he would be around the next day to try to whip him. Again he is constantly rattling his little 2x4 rattly-rat-rattly tongue telling Tom, Dick and Harry of the faults of Mike, Pat and Red, and at the same time has more and greater faults than the one of whom he is constantly rattling.

He can always find fault, but he can never boost, as he is partially blind and can see the fault easier than he can the good thing of a town or person.

Are you this kind of a person? If so, and you can't boost or say something good, tie an iron weight to that rattly-rat-rat-rattly tongue of yours to keep it still. Use your little hammer for nailing lies and not to tear down something someone else is trying to build up.

Do not use your axe to chop the cherry tree down, but use it to blaze the way into further civilization, prosperity and sociability. Use your piano to put the plain finishing touches to your business by advertising in your local paper; then will everyone feel more sociable and pleasant toward each other and we can all put our shoulders to the wheel of progress, start it to turning and then watch the strides Burley will make toward making a real city.

Quit your knocking and go to pushing for all you are worth.—Burley Bulletin.

Has Quite a Record

Prof. Frank Ely has organized a boxing class in St. Johns and gives lessons three times a week in the Firemen's hall. Mr. Ely at one time held the championship of the Pacific Coast as a light weight boxer, and in sixty contests in one year he won them all. He was never pitted against George Dixon, but he fought several men who did, and he beat them all in much quicker time than did Dixon. On several occasions Dixon acted as his second. Mr. Ely also for some time held the championship of the United States as a wrestler of his weight. Failing eyesight, however, blighted his chances of ever securing the championship of the United States as a boxer. Had this calamity not overtaken him, his chances were excellent for attaining the belt. As an instructor he is first class, and will likely have a large class here before long.

Will Soon Enlarge

We have decided to enlarge the Review, beginning April 1st, to a six or eight page paper. We believe the city of St. Johns has outgrown a four page paper, and believe it will stand for a larger one. We want to give the county, state and national news each week in condensed form, but the present size of the paper will not permit it. In order to meet the additional expense involved in enlarging the Review, the subscription price will be advanced to \$1.50 per year, this being the general price of subscription in vogue all over the Northwest for weekly papers. Subscribers may, however, advance their subscriptions as far ahead as they may desire at the present rate of \$1.00 per year before April 1st.

Buys at Kelso

The Western Manufacturing company has sold its excelsior plant at Kelso, Wash., to the Portland Manufacturing company of St. Johns, Oregon. The deal includes over 5000 cords of balm and cottonwood, the consideration being \$50,000. The Western Manufacturing company opened its excelsior plant about a year ago. Last summer a woodworking plant was added for the manufacture of box shooks, lath and all kinds of finishing lumber, and it is this branch of business which the company proposes to pursue with vigor hereafter.

Furnished rooms to let at 310 W. John street.

SESSION OF THE CITY DADS

Municipal Affairs Receive Careful Attention

Owing to the absence of Mayor Hendricks at the regular council meeting Tuesday night, President of the Council, S. L. Dobie, presided. All members answered to roll call. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Petition for the improvement of Gilbert street, Fessenden to St. Johns avenue, with 5 foot cement walk, was received and the engineer directed to prepare the necessary plans, specifications and estimates for such improvement.

Petitions for the improvement of Columbia boulevard, Newark to Ida, and Newark street, east line of Point View addition to East St. Johns limits, were received.

A petition from J. R. Weimer asking that the dray license be abolished, was read and it was the sense of the council that the request be granted, and the license committee was requested to examine the various license ordinances and suggest what changes they deem advisable and report to council in order that all changes may be embodied in the same ordinance.

Bills to the amount of \$183.73 allowed.

Resolution for the improvement of Thompson street was read and held over for one week for alteration. The petition called for 5 foot cement sidewalk, but the fact developed that it costs practically the same for a 6 foot walk that it does for a 5 foot walk, and it was believed advisable to have this change made.

The engineer asked that the services of a draftsman or field man be secured for a month or so on account of the vast amount of work on hand which could thus be handled with greater facility. Matter was referred to the mayor and street committee for action thereon.

An ordinance accepting a deed from Nancy Caples of a strip of land for street purposes was passed and may be found in this issue.

Another ordinance accepting a deed from the same party for a different tract was passed and also appears in this issue.

On motion of Councilman Johnson the mayor was directed to appoint a committee of five—two from council, two from the fire department and the city engineer—to investigate why the supply of water was so inadequate at the fire Monday night. Acting mayor Dobie deferred the appointment until Wednesday morning.

Fared Very Well

That the Columbia River improvement fared well in the Rivers and Harbors bill now before Congress was the advice received in Portland this week from the capitol. A total of \$2,153,500 is proposed to be spent on Columbia River work and items provided for in the bill are as follows: Wenatchee to Bridgeport, \$25,000; Bridgeport to Kettle Falls, \$50,000; Celilo to Snake River, \$90,000; at the Dalles, \$600,000; Cascades Canal, \$5,000; Vancouver, \$7,500; below Portland, including Willamette river, \$175,000; mouth of Columbia, \$1,200,000; gauging \$1,000. If this money is appropriated, as now seems likely, the improvements to the Columbia during the coming year will be lasting in their benefit and will be of great advantage to the whole Pacific Northwest. The work is too important to be claimed as a betterment by any one state for an open river from the Inland Empire to the sea will benefit almost every person living in the Northwestern states more or less directly. By clearing out the upper river, steamboat navigation will be aided, with a good effect on rates to and from the interior, while the improvement of the channel to the sea from the Columbia will facilitate ocean shipments both to and from the Northwest states.

Thrift and economy bring permanent prosperity. Save YOUR MONEY and this prosperity will be YOURS. The First National Bank knows how and will tell you free. 3 per cent on savings. 11